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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

July 26, 2021

Keith R. Ainsworth, Esq. Law Offices of Keith R. Ainsworth, Esq., L.L.C. 51 Elm Street, Suite 201 New Haven, CT 06510-2049

RE: **DOCKET NO. 502** - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 118 Newton Road, Woodbridge, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Ainsworth:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of WNNET's Objection to the Applicant's Second Extension of Time to Respond to WNNET's Interrogatories and Request for an Extension of Time to Submit Pre-Filed Testimony, if the applicant's request is granted, dated July 23, 2021.

The schedule for the above-referenced proceeding was developed to save the time and expense of the parties, intervenors and the public without sacrificing an informative record necessary for the Council to render a final decision on the application. In accordance with the Council's schedule, party and intervenor responses to interrogatories and pre-filed testimony were due on July 6, 2021, one week prior to the scheduled evidentiary hearing session.

On July 6, 2021, pursuant to §16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, the applicant submitted a written request to the Council for an extension of time to respond to WNNET's interrogatories. WNNET did not submit a written request to the Council for an extension of time to submit pre-filed testimony.

The current schedule for this proceeding requests that all parties and intervenors exchange additional interrogatories on or before August 17, 2021. Interrogatory responses and additional pre-filed testimony, as well as any supplemental information requested from the applicant during the July 13, 2021 evidentiary hearing session, are to be submitted to the Council on or before August 24, 2021.

Balancing its interest in reasonable, orderly and non-repetitive proceedings against applicant's and WNNET's interests for more time to present their cases, the Council grants the applicant a second extension of time to respond to WNNET's June 29, 2021 interrogatories to close of business on **August 17, 2021**, two weeks prior to the continued evidentiary hearing session. This is ample time for both the applicant and WNNET to prepare any additional pre-filed testimony for the August 31, 2021 continued evidentiary hearing session.

The deadline for responses to party and intervenor interrogatories and to submit additional prefiled testimony remains August 24, 2021.

Therefore, WNNET's objection to the applicant's request for an extension of time and request for an extension of time to submit pre-filed testimony is denied.

Sincerely,

s/Melanie Bachman

Melanie Bachman Executive Director

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c: Service List, dated July 14, 2021